City of Imperial Beach

News Updates & Information



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SECTION 1 ENERGY UPGRADE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Energy Upgrade™ California makes home improvements more affordable.

Get up to \$4,000 in incentives for making home energy upgrades!

Your energy-saving home improvements may be more affordable than ever with the help of Energy Upgrade California.

This program offers incentives of up to \$4,000 for qualified upgrades that improve your home's energy efficiency and lower your energy bills. If you own an existing single-family detached home, there are two ways you can participate in Energy Upgrade California:

The Basic Path

You may receive a \$1,000 incentive if you have an eligible contractor complete all six of the following items:

- Seal attic air leaks
- Install attic insulation
- Seal leaky air ducts for central heating and air conditioning system
- Insulate hot water pipes
- Test natural gas appliances for correct venting and certify combustion safety
- Install a thermostatic shut-off valve on shower to save hot water

The Advanced Path

You may receive incentives ranging from \$1,250 for 10% energy savings to \$4,000 for 40% energy savings when an eligible contractor installs a comprehensive mix of measures based on a pre-approved work plan. A certified Home Energy Efficiency Rater must evaluate the overall energy savings that would be achieved based on the combination of measures installed. Examples of eligible measures include high-efficiency heating and cooling systems, energy-efficient windows and skylights, and tankless or solar water-heating systems.

Get Started

To learn more, visit www.sdge.com/energyupgradecalifornia. Before contacting participating contractors, you'll also need to complete SDG&E's Home Energy Efficiency Survey, which is available online at sdge.com/home analysis or by calling 800-644-6133.

SECTION 2 FINDING OF HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

On Wednesday, August 24, 2011, we received the completed <u>Environmental Assessment</u> (AE) of the expansion of helicopter operations at Ream Field and Coronado. The EA makes a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

One of Imperial Beach's concerns was the noise generated by more helicopters. The FONSI states, "NASNI and NOLF IB have a suite of policies, procedures, and programs measures to minimize aircraft noise." Staff will review the EA carefully to find out more specifics about the measures to minimize aircraft noise.

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